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Prior Art Unit: 1725

Prior Examiner: J. Johnson



Sir:

This is a request for filing a [] continuation [] divisional [X] continuation-in-part under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/210,226 filed on December 11, 1998 of Richard Alan Haight, Peter P. Longo, Daniel Peter Morris and Alfred Wagner for METHOD FOR MINIMIZING SAMPLE DAMAGE DURING THE ABLATION OF MATERIAL USING A FOCUSED ULTRASHORT PULSED LASER BEAM.

1. []	As last amended, the title has been changed to	
2. []	As last amended, the name of applicant has been changed to	

- 3. [X] Enclosed is [X] a copy of the oath or declaration as filed in the prior application or [] a new oath or declaration.
- 4. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

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6. [] Cancel in this application original Claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

7. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: - This is a [3] continuation [3] division [X] continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/210,226, filed on December 11, 1998.

8. [] Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed on _____ in ____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.

9. [] The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. filed

10. [] An appointment of associates is enclosed.

11. [X] Address all future communications to <u>Dr. Daniel P. Morris, Esq.,</u> IBM Corporation, Intellectual Property Law Dept., P.O. Box 218, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.

12. [] A preliminary amendment to this application is enclosed.

13. [] Enter in this application the amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 which was unentered in the prior application.

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